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1. SECTION A. DENMARK IS A NON-ASSISTANCE COUNTRY, RECEIVING NO REPEAT NO FUNDS UNDER SECTION 482 OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT. THERE WERE NO REPEAT NO OBLIGATIONS OR EXPENDITURES DURING REPORTING PERIOD, NO REPEAT NO EQUIPMENT WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO DENMARK, AND NO REPEAT NO SUPPORT COSTS WERE MET. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION NARCOTICS CONSULTANT PETER SCHIOLER VISITED US NOV 23 - DEC. 20, 1974 ON IVP GRANT, AND A DEA-NIT TRAINING SCHOOL WAS CONDUCTED IN COPENHAGEN FROM SEPT. 30 TO OCT. 10, 1974. THESE ACTIVITIES WERE CENTRALLY FUNDED. NO REPEAT NO US PERSONNEL AT POST DEVOTED MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF TIME TO NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

2. SECTION B RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO REFTEL.

A) SUMMARY. THE DANISH AUTHORITIES AND MEDIA SHOWED INCREASING INTEREST IN THE DRUG PROBLEM DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, REFLECTED IN A DECREASE IN THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DRUG USERS AND THE NUMBER OF NARC-
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CTIC-RELATED DEATHS. AT THE SAME TIME, CONTINUING

IMPROVEMENT IN DANISH INTELLIGENCE AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ARRESTS FOR TRAFFICKING AND QUANTITIES OF DRUGS INVOLVED. THE EMBASSY CONTINUED ITS LOW-KEY EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE A SHARPER DANISH FOCUS ON DRUG PROBLEMS. THE DEA-NIT TRAINING SCHOOL HELD IN COPENHAGEN FROM SEPT. 30 TO OCT. 10 WAS USEFUL AND VERY WELL-RECEIVED BY DANISH NARCOTICS OFFICIALS.

B) ABUSE. DANISH AUTHORITIES ESTIMATE 10,000 DRUG USERS IN DENMARK AND STATE THAT TREND IS DOWN SOMEWHAT. RECENT EVIDENCE INDICATES INCREASED PREFERENCE FOR HASHISH, PERHAPS AS REFLECTION OF AVAILABILITY AGAINST OTHER TYPES OF DRUGS.

C) PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING. EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO REPEAT NO PRODUCTION OF OPIUM, COCA OR CANNABIS IN DENMARK. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION IN PAST CONCERNING POSSIBLE HEROIN PROCESSING PLANT IN DENMARK, NO REPEAT NO SUCH OPERATION WAS BROUGHT TO EMBASSY'S ATTENTION DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

D) TRAFFICKING TRENDS. ACCORDING TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES, PREFERENCE OF HASHISH SMUGGLERS HAS BEEN FOR ROUTE INTO DENMARK THROUGH SPAIN OR FRANCE. IN LAST TWO MONTHS OF REPORTING PERIOD, HOWEVER, LEVEL OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES IN THESE COUNTRIES HAS CHANGED PREFERRED ROUTE TO TUNISIA AND ITALY. MOST NARCOTICS CONTINUE TO ENTER DENMARK VIA AIR AND MOST ARRESTS CONTINUE TO TAKE PLACE IN COPENHAGEN. EMPHASIS SHIFTED EVEN MORE TOWARD HASHISH DURING REPORTING PERIOD DUE TO APPARENT DRYING UP OF MORPHINE BASE SOURCES.

E) REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION. DENMARK IS A CONTRIBUTOR TO UNFIDAC AT A LEVEL WHICH COMPARES FAVORABLY WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. THE EMBASSY IS AWARE OF NO REPEAT NO SIGNIFICANT MEETINGS OR VISITS DURING REPORTING PERIOD. DENMARK HAS STILL NOT RATIFIED PROTOCOL AMENDING 1961 SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS OR CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, BUT MINISTRY OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS RECENTLY INFORMED EMBASSY THAT RELATED INTERNAL LEGAL QUESTIONS HAVE NOW BEEN RESOLVED AND RATIFICATION CAN GO FORWARD WITHOUT NEED TO PASS THROUGH PARLIAMENT. EMBASSY IS AWARE OF NO REPEAT NO CHANGE DURING REPORTING PERIOD IN POSITIVE DANISH ATTITUDE TOWARD REGIONAL COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONTROL ACTIVITIES.

F) EMBASSY AND HOST GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES. EMBASSY'S LOW-KEY BUT PERSISTENT APPROACH TO ENCOURAGING SHARPER DANISH COMMITMENT TO DRUG ABUSE CONTROL CONTINUED DURING REPORTING PERIOD. EXCHANGES OF NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE INCREASED. NO REPEAT NO PROGRAM NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE DURING REPORTING PERIOD OTHER THAN ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEANIT TRAINING SCHOOL AND TRIP TO US BY PETER SCHIOLER (PARA 1. ABOVE). ALTHOUGH GENERAL ELECTION WAS CALLED DURING REPORTING PERIOD, WITH RESULTING SHIFTS IN POLITICAL CLIMATE, THERE WAS NO REPEAT NO NOTICEABLE EFFECT ON DANISH COMMITMENT TO ITS NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM.

G) ENFORCEMENT. DANISH AUTHORITIES ABLE TO PROVIDE FIGURES FOR ENTIRE CY 1974 ONLY, ALONG WITH INFORMATION THAT ARRESTS AND QUANTITIES OF DRUGS INCREASED DURING LAST HALF OF YEAR. THERE WERE 3091 ARRESTS DURING CY 1974. SEIZURES DURING CY 1974 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

HASHISH 783 KILOS
MORPHINE BASE 34 KILOS
RAW OPIUM 2 KILOS
LSD TABLETS 156
LSD MICRO-TABLETS 37
AMPHETAMINE, PRELUDINE
AND OTHER TABLETS 95,326

EMBASSY IS AWARE OF NO REPEAT NO INTERNATIONALLY IMPORTANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED DURING REPORTING PERIOD. ALTHOUGH SPECULATION CONTINUES THAT DANISH GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK INCREASE IN MAXIMUM NARCOTICS PENALTY FROM SIX TO TEN YEARS, NO REPEAT NO LEGISLATION TO THIS EFFECT WAS INTRODUCED IN PARLIAMENT DURING REPORTING PERIOD. THERE WERE NO US-FINANCED PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES. IN INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT SHORTLY AFTER CLOSE OF REPORTING PERIOD, COPENHAGEN POLICE MADE TWO ARRESTS IN JANUARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN (COPENHAGEN'S 253 AND 254). THERE HAD BEEN ONLY ONE OTHER RECENT HEROIN ARREST IN COUNTRY.

H) INCOME SUBSTITUTION. NO APPLICABLE TO DENMARK.

I) TREATMENT/REHABILITATION/EDUCATION. THERE WERE NO REPEAT NO US-FINANCED PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES DURING REPORTING PERIOD. DANISH MEDIA COVERAGE OF LOCAL DRUG PROBLEM, INCLUDING SUCH ASPECTS AS BAD EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE ON YOUR PEOPLE, INCREASED IN QUANTITY AND QUALITY. RECORDED NARCOTICS-RELATED DEATHS WERE DOWN SOMEWHAT IN CY 1974.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES ITS FY76 PROGRAM SUBMISSION (COPENHAGEN'S A-138 OF AUGUST 15, 1974) STILL ADEQUATELY DESCRIBES MISSION'S PROJECT OBJECTIVES AND PROGRESS TO DATE (AS SUPPLEMENTED BY INFORMATION CONTAINED THIS MESSAGE). DANISH AWARENESS OF AND COMMITMENT TO EFFECTIVE DRUG ENFORCEMENT CONTINUES TO GROW. WHILE DANES PROPERLY VIEW DRUG ABUSE AS DANISH PROBLEM RATHER THAN SPIN-OFF OF AMERICAN DIFFICULTIES, THEY HAVE BEEN RECEPTIVE TO US INITIATIVES AND HAVE DEVELOPED APPROACH TO PROBLEM WHICH ADMIRABLY COMPLEMENTS US POLICY AND PROGRAMS. EMBASSY BELIEVES LOW-KEY ASSISTANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT IS PAYING OFF AND RECOMMENDS IT BE CONTINUED.

4. AS FOR PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN FY 1976, ASSIGNMENT TO MISSION OF DEA AGENT AND SECRETARY WILL OBVIOUSLY CHANGE FUNDING SITUATION IN DENMARK. FOR EXAMPLE, EMBASSY HAS ESTIMATED EXPENSES OF RELOCATION AT US \$40,000 (COPENHAGEN'S 0221). EMBASSY NOT IN POSITION NOW TO ESTIMATE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES OF DEA ACTIVITIES IN DENMARK, BUT FUNDING PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN A-138 FOR NCAP ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN THOSE CARRIED OUT BY NEW DEA PERSONNEL ARE STILL VALID, PROVIDED APPROPRIATE FACTOR FOR INFLATION IS ADDED.

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